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MARTIN'S MEETING.

He Will Try to Defeat the Semlin Government.

(Special to the Times)

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—Joseph Martin, M.P.P., addressed his political supporters last night. He said he would go to Victoria with the express intention of accomplishing the defeat of the Semlin government, and charged that the premier had secured his position dishonestly. He stated that the famous telegram sent by Finance Minister Cotton to Mayor Gordon on the Deadman's Island question was a lie. He still charged that there had been falsification of the records, and mentioned legal action and penitentiary in the discussion of the question. Mr. Martin said he would resign if his course was not satisfactory, and a resolution endorsing his stand was passed. He said he thought Mr. Macpherson would stand with him, but that Mr. Tisdall would side with Mr. Cotton.

THE SITUATION IN CAPE COLONY

Gen. French Holding His Position—Advance to Ladysmith

Will Not Be Delayed Long—Boer Commander Dead

—British Casualties at Colesburg.

Unstinted Praise Bestowed on Canadians and

Australians for Their Splendid Services.

COLONIALS AROUSE

ENTHUSIASM

IN NATA.

London Correspondent Says—Disheartening Reports Are Arriving From Ladysmith—Boer Soon to Move.

New York, Jan. 3.—London cables say there is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received.

Gen. White reports a list of nearly twenty deaths from enteric fever and dysentery, and 71 serious cases in the hospital.

Dr. Jameson has all the work he can do.

It is evident the garrison cannot hold out long and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass without striking a blow.

Transports with fresh battalions and batteries have arrived at Durban and within 24 hours Sir Redvers ought to be in readiness for a supreme effort.

The Boer line of defence is now described as 16 miles in length, having been extended up and down the Tugela in order to prevent a turning movement.

THE CANADIANS.

Mr. Chamberlain's Congratulations—Members of Second Contingent Leave for Headquarters.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 3.—Lacking news from the British camps in South Africa the British public is making the most of Col. Pitcher's miniature battle.

Unbound tribute is paid to the

pride of the Canadians and Australians, and graphic accounts are published of the enthusiasm in Douglas as the

victorious troops entered that place.

Rebels Dispersed.

The representative of the Associated Press with the flying column says:

"The immediate result of Col. Pitcher's success is the entire dispersal of the rebels who have been governing the country for the past six weeks. After Sunnyside was captured the Toronto occupied the larger for the night, joining the main body the following morning, bringing the whole of the Boers' tents, wagons and loot, and leaving the Cornwallis garrisoned at Sunnyside.

Casualties at Colesburg.

The total British casualties about Colesburg in two days were six men killed and 20 wounded.

CAPE COLONY.

Fighting Around Colesburg—Boers Driven From Their Positions—Action in Progress at Molteno.

Nieuwpoort, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—There was brisk fighting to-day in the hills around Colesburg.

The Boers stubbornly resisted the British at every point, but gradually retreated.

The British held the extreme position to the south and east overlooking the town.

The hills around Colesburg are numerous, not in ranges but in groups, making it very difficult to hunt the Boers out.

Sixteen wounded have arrived at Arundel.

Big Developments Expected.

London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch from Naauwpoort, dated Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, says the British command Norval's Pont bridge with two guns, and also command the Colesburg bridge, and that the Boers have no way to retreat except by way of Normberg.

The dispatch adds that big developments are expected to-morrow.

Another Report.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Tribune says: "News reached London after midnight that the Boers refused with reinforcements during the night and occupied the position from which they were driven by General French on Monday."

Engagement at Molteno.

Starkstrom, Cape Colony, Jan. 3.—(Morning).—The Boers attacked Molteno this morning. A brisk action is now in progress.

TRAIN DESTROYED.

Relief Party Forced to Retire—Several Natives Killed.

London, Jan. 3.—A special dispatch from Naauwpoort, dated Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, says a supply train, without a locomotive, was set in motion within the British lines near Colesburg and proceeded so near the Boer position that it was impossible to recover it, and the British guns, therefore, destroyed the trucks.

It is suspected that this was the act of a traitor.

Another Report.

The supply train, says another dispatch from Rensburg, ran into a broken embankment and was wrecked.

The Boers began looting it and another Rensburg train was dispatched to the spot in an attempt to recover the wagons.

The Boers opened fire on the troops and natives accompanying it, forcing the second train to retreat after several of the natives had been killed.

Cavalry Equipment.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 3.—The Globe-Democrat says:

"E. F. Hutchings, president of the Great Western Saddlery Co., Ltd., of Winnipeg,

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Two Hundred Thousand Men

Will Be Under the Command of Lord Roberts in South Africa.

London Papers Praise the Conduct of Colonial Troops—British Occupy Dordrecht

London, Jan. 3.—The gallantry of Colonial troops engaged in South Africa is lauded by the morning papers.

The Times says: "The Mother Country will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel of the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this morning's little engagement."

The Standard says: "The Canadians and Australians had been spoiling for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity, and they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the view point of Imperial unity, the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the history of the British race."

Robert's Army.

The admiralty has engaged eight more large transports. When all the troops destined for South Africa join those already there, Lord Roberts will be in command of about 200,000 men. Thirty thousand are now afloat or ready to embark. Military observers, in view of what figures mean, cannot see how the British can fail to rush the Boers by mere force of numbers.

Militia for Abroad.

The Queen has accepted the services of twelve battalions of militia for foreign stations. Seven of these are assigned to South Africa.

Increasing the Artillery.

"We understand," says the Daily Mail, "that the defence committee of the cabinet after careful consideration of the question of the defence of the Empire, particularly with regard to artillery, will shortly call for the expenditure of £5,000,000, to make good deficiencies and to place the nation on a par with other great powers."

Medical Corps Safe.

The Times publishes the following, dated January 2nd, from Lorenzo Macque: "It is asserted that Major Dr. and forty men of the British medical corps who were left at Dundee when the town was evacuated are now on the way from Pretoria to Delagoa Bay."

EDWARD'S TROOPS CONFIDENT.

The Tugela River is now fordable—The Boers Quay.

Frede Campo, Jan. 1.—The Boers invaded by heliograph to-day: "Why is Roberts coming?" What has Butler done?

The British replied: "How did you like our idyllic in the battle?"

London, Jan. 3.—The Daily Telegraph has received the following, dated January 2nd, from Frede Campo: "The weather is fine. The Tugela river is now fordable. Gen. Butler's army is in fine form, ready and confident for the work before it."

Gen. White reports under date of December 31st that the number of cases of dysentery and fever is increasing.

IN CAPE COLONY.

Dordrecht and Douglas Occupied by the British.

London, Jan. 3.—A Cape town dispatch reports that the rebels in the British district are demoralized by the British occupation of Dordrecht.

Should it turn out that the Dutch rebellion is thus being diminished, it will be a matter of great relief for the British campaign.

The Standard, however, remarks: "Until the Tugela has been crossed and Ladysmith relieved it would be idle to deny that the political position in Cape Colony is one of very great danger."

Douglas, Cape Colony, Jan. 2.—Col. Pitcher has occupied Douglas without opposition, and has been received with enthusiasm by the loyalists.

Bauer Account.

Pretoria, Jan. 1.—Last night (Sunday) the British in great force attacked Commandant Schreiman's commando in the Grootfontein district and tried to storm the position. They repeated the attack this morning, but were forced to retreat, the Boers holding the position.

The loss of the British is not known, but it is reported to have been heavy.

The Boers consider it a great compliment to the Transvaal that Lord Roberts should have been selected for the supreme command of the British forces.

Six Officers Reported Wounded.

Pretoria, Jan. 2.—Three British prisoners, who were taken at Malagro say that Capt. Gordon Cheesey Wilson, husband of Lady Sarah Wilson, with five other officers, whose names they refuse to give, were wounded in a recent sortie from Mafeking.

SECOND CONTINGENT.

Commissioner Herchmer in Command—Inspector Baker Adjutant.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Commissioner Herch-

Col. G. T. F. Downman (since dead), Capt. and Adjutant W. E. Gordon (dangerously), Capt. G. R. Macab (seriously), 2nd Lieut. J. R. McO. Campbell (since dead).

1st Batt. Argyl and Sutherland Highlanders—Capt. A. J. Campbell (slightly), Lieut. R. B. Graham, 2nd Lieut. J. C. Scott (serious).

The total casualties amongst the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade number about 650.

1st Batt. Kork and Lancaster Regiment—Lieut. P. E. Vaughan (slightly), non-commissioned officers and men, eight.

Royal Army Medical Corps—Lieut. H. M. Douglas.

MISSING.

Guards' Brigade.

Non-commissioned officers and men, one.

HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

Capt. the Hon. J. F. T. Cumming-Bruce, pax, (reported killed); Capt. and Adjutant W. MacEachan (reported killed); Lieut. N. N. Ramsay (reported killed).

2nd Batt. Seaforth Highlanders—Major and second in command K. R. MacKenzie; Capt. and Adjutant A. W. B. Brodie (reported killed).

1st Batt. Argyl and Sutherland Highlanders—2nd Lieut. W. B. King.

PRISONER.

Major C. H. Birrell, Royal Army Medical Corps.

CASUALTIES AT LADYSMITH.

The following were the casualties in the battle from Ladysmith on December 10th:

KILLED.

2nd Batt. Rifle Brigade.

Lient. Gilbert Charles Daigremont Ferrié, rank and file, ten.

WOUNDED.

2nd Batt. Rifle Brigade.

Capt. G. Paley, 2nd Lieut. S. Davenport, 2nd Lieut. A. A. G. Bond; rank and file, forty-six men, who remained behind in charge of wounded, were taken prisoners.

ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Rank and file, killed one, wounded one.

In the south on December 8th the following were the casualties:

18th HUSSARS.

Lient. C. J. Thackwell, slightly wounded; rank and file, killed two, wounded seventeen.

5TH LANCERS.

Lient. W. T. Wilcox, slightly wounded; rank and file, two slightly wounded.

MOUNTED TROOPS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Broad Arrow in an editorial says: "It is to be regretted that the home authorities did not use at least ten thousand mounted troops in South Africa some weeks ago. These would have been invaluable to Sir William Gatacre, who would have advanced long ago only for his weakness in cavalry and artillery. Already one in five of the male population of Natal is in the field, but that many more would willingly go to the front is clear from the fact that 2,000 ambulance bearers were raised in Durban and Mafeking in a few days.

In the old colony, besides the Cape Mounted Rifles which for some unexplained reason are not allowed to take part in the war, the South African Light Horse, and the Volunteer corps, called out by Sir Alfred Milner, there are thousands of men who could be organized into a most effective force at the present juncture. It is idle to talk of the army divisions now on the way to the Cape. These will not be landed for some time, whereas several corps of colonial mounted infantry could be raised in a few days. Neither does it show a proper appreciation of the situation in South Africa to argue as though only regular troops should be employed to fight the enemy in the field. The Boer is not a regular soldier. He is formidable on account of his extraordinary mobility, his knowledge of the country, and the admirable way in which his tactics are adapted to the nature of the terrain. Hence, until the army corps was ready to advance on the plains of the Free State, a large body of colonial troops might have been employed on the Orange river with great effect. The brilliant night attack on Gun Hill by the Imperial Light Horse and Natal Volunteers, and the defeat of Mafeking, prove what splendid fighting material they are. A Queensland officer was one of the twenty who attempted to cross the Modder river under a heavy fire. The New Zealanders and New South Wales Lancers are doing such excellent scouting that the Boers have mistaken them for some of their own men, and the other day they brought into camp a mob of horses, which must have strayed from the enemy's ranks. The truth is the colonial has all the good qualities of the Boer as a soldier, but he is more enterprising and energetic, and can turn his hand to anything, and can therefore meet the Boer on equal terms. Such men can be had for asking; yet our generals are hampered for want of them, with unexplained reverses and loss of life. Who is responsible?"

WOUNDED.

Cavalry Brigade.

Staff-Capt. C. J. Briggs, 1st Dragoon Guards—Major Andrew Gilbert.

9th Lancers—Non-commissioned officers and men, nine.

12th Lancers—Non-commissioned officers and men, eighteen.

Royal Horse Artillery—Major C. E. Macleray, with Cavalry Division; Lieut. H. H. Tudor, G. Battery; non-commissioned officers and men, three.

Field Artillery—Non-commissioned officers and men, five.

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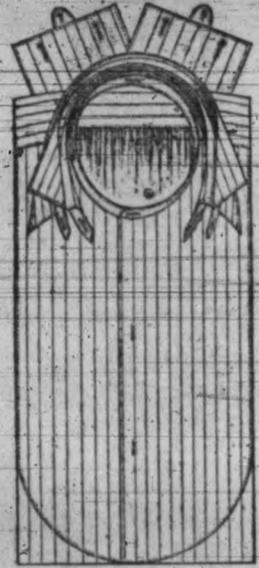


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A Short Session

Limited Programme of Business Before the Council Last Evening.

Meeting To-Night to Consider the Victoria-Sidney Extension By-Law.

The regular weekly session of the City Council last evening was of short duration, the usual deliberations regarding communications, the receipt of reports and the discussion arising therefrom being consummated with a dispatch and precision that was admirable in consideration of the fact that the meeting was held on the day following New Year's day.

After the usual preliminaries a communication was read from John G. McGee, clerk of the privy council, acknowledging a communication and resolution received from the council, asking that a portion of the Songhees reserve be set aside for park purposes.

Marked Superintendent, E. C. Johnston reported his monthly collections to have amounted to \$121.

W. T. Smith wrote asking that a light be placed at the corner of Montreal and James street.

The writer pointed out the danger of allowing the vicinity to remain in utter darkness, as the bad condition of the roads made it possible for some person to sustain a serious injury. Referred to electric light committee.

John O'Connor wrote claiming damages amounting to \$150 sustained on his property on Coburg and Niagara streets. Owing to defective drainage the cellar beneath his house was almost submerged with water. Other property suffering in like manner, hence the claim for damages.

This communication was finally referred to the city solicitor and city engineer, Ald. Humphrey expressing his inability to understand how the communication could constitute a claim for damages as it stood.

William Emery and others wrote calling attention to the defective drain on Shakespeare street. Referred to the city engineer.

The finance committee wrote recommending that the offer of Miss A. Thomas, of England, to come to this city and deliver a series of lectures on nursing be accepted and that the council chamber be placed at her disposal for the purpose.

The mayor was of the opinion that although there was no objection to such lectures being given, when people toured the country giving lectures they should do so at their own expense.

Ald. Beckwith pointed out the benefits that might be derived from such a course of lectures being delivered in this

city, and finally, after some further discussion, the report was adopted.

The same committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to \$270.61, also the payment of accounts amounting to \$1,050. Received, adopted and authorized to be paid.

The city engineer reported regarding the proposed repairs to Rock Bay bridge and estimated the cost, from present plans and specifications at \$1,645, not including a new floor which was, however, immediately required.

Appended to this report was one from the special committee on Rock Bay bridge, recommending that the engineer's report be adopted, and that the improvements consonant with the plans and specifications be carried out, with the exception of bends and spars at the old swing.

In referring to this matter the mayor said that he had just forwarded a communication to Mr. Ray, stating the work to be done on the bridge, and asking him to urge the matter on the government.

In reply to a question Ald. Cameron was informed that the tramway company would contribute \$700 toward the expenses incurred in the undertaking.

The mayor, continuing, said that there would be no "filling in" at present. If the council was willing he would authorize the immediate commencement of the work, and a requisition could then be made to the next session of the council.

The reports were finally received and adopted, the work to be commenced immediately.

The annual reports then came up for consideration. Ald. Stewart moving that a special committee be appointed to arrange for publication.

Ald. Humphrey was of the opinion that a considerable portion of some of the reports could be eliminated from publication, while Ald. Brydon speaking specifically of the fire report said there was absolutely no necessity to "make a spread" over that portion dealing with false alarms.

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Ald. Stewart's resolution was finally adopted, the special committee, consisting of Ald. Stewart, Kinsman and Humphrey.

The legislative committee then reported as follows:

Gentlemen:—Your legislative committee having considered the undermentioned subject beg to report and recommend as follows:

That the "Municipal Clauses Act" and amending acts: That the provincial government be requested to cause the "Municipal Clauses Act" to be amended as follows:

Sec. 50, subsec. 115. Vacant Lots.—

Amend sub-section 115 of section 50 of the "Municipal Clauses Act" by making every sale of real property including the costs of obtaining the judge's order confirming the sale, in addition to the "costing expenses of the sale."

In regard to this report Ald. Cameron

said that it should be laid on the table in order that a fuller consideration could be made. He was not at all prepared to vote for it in its present state.

Major Redfern rejoined Ald. Cam-

eron that it was decidedly necessary for

the committee to be allowed to

make some changes in the bill.

For imposing a special rate not exceeding three cents per foot frontage per month upon the occupiers of all stores and premises of every kind fronting upon any street within the municipality for the purpose of defraining the cost of watering such streets. But no such rate shall be imposed upon any street or portion of street unless a petition signed by a majority in number of the occupiers of the said stores and premises shall have been presented to the council, and no such rate shall be levied for watering any such street or portion of street except on the days mentioned nor oftener on any one day than shall be specified in such petition.

The council to be at liberty to make any such rate, payable by monthly or weekly payments or installments, and payable whether or not any such premises shall

in the opinion of the council, be rendered unnecessary by wet weather, and the council shall be at liberty to add any amount to the said cost of such watering not exceeding ten per cent. of such cost, and to allow or deduct such added amount from all payments that shall be made to the city treasurer or collector or other person to be named in such by-law within seven days of the day when such payments respectively shall have become payable.

Sec. 60.—Strike out the whole of section 60 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," which forbids any by-law for contracting debts for other than ordinary expenditure to be introduced except on petition of the owners of at least one-tenth of the value of the property of the municipality.

Wholesale Licenses.

Sec. 171.—Strike out sub-section 10 of section 171 of the "Municipal Clauses Act," which gives power to collect from every person carrying on the business of a wholesale or a wholesale and retail merchant or trades a sum not exceeding \$50 for every six months, and substitute a license fee upon every such business based upon the rental paid for the premises occupied or in the case of premises occupied by the owner, upon a rental estimated by the assessors in accordance with the rentals of neighboring premises. No such license fee to exceed \$50 for every six months.

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The silencing of the Boer artillery is little to go upon. The Boer gunners know when the British fire is becoming dangerous, and as guns are precious articles to the republics, seeing there are no more to replace them when destroyed, they are carefully withdrawn in ample time from a menacing fire and placed in positions of greater security. The guns alleged to have been silenced yesterday are reported to be making plenty of noise to-day. Another thing, General French himself reports to-day that he is in the same spot upon which he began operations against the enemy two days ago.

What is the lesson from all this? Simply what has been said by the best judges of the matter—that the road to Bloemfontein will have to be won by hard fighting from an enemy who will stubbornly dispute every foot of the way, and that our brave army's progress must necessarily be slow until the reinforcements now on the way reach those generals who are now on the southern border of the Orange Free State. General French asks for reinforcements, and it will be a very unfortunate thing if he does not get them at once so as to enable him to dislodge the Boers from Colesburg, as he mentions in his message to the war office.

It must be remembered that General Buller is absorbing practically all the troops going to the Cape in order to enable him to make a supreme effort for the relief of Ladysmith, but we have the assurance from military men that great good could be accomplished by sending from Port Elizabeth, East London and Cape Town's seaports reinforcements to the generals along the Orange River.

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Upon General Buller, who is expected to strike with all his force at any hour, hangs the decision whether there is to be a quick finish to this war or a long, wearisome, bloody struggle. If he fails again it will assuredly be the latter. If, he shatters the main Boer army, the republican resistance will soon collapse.

Once more the hope of the British people rests upon the commander on the Tugela and his splendid army. Within the week there should be news of great events in Natal.

CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.
One thing our morning contemporary evidently forgot in its attempt to-day to answer our question as to why the Lieutenant-Governor should decline to grant to the Premier an appeal to grant to the Premier an appeal to the people, in the event of that course being deemed expedient by Mr. Semlin and his colleagues. The precedents cited by the Colonist have no bearing at all upon this case, because the case of this province at the present time is without a precedent.

No government was ever dissolved of office upon charges so utterly disgraceful as those upon which Lieutenant-Governor McInnes felt it his bounden duty, in the interests of honest government, to expel the Turner administration from power in the autumn of 1898. Not one of those charges has been disproved; they stand to-day as black and as heavy as they were on the day upon which they were made known to the astonished and indignant public. The members of that disgraced ministry occupy seats on the opposition side of the legislative assembly to-day, and it is this anti-public clique the Colonist desires to see occupying the treasury benches. If this be the Colonist's conception of public morality we cannot compliment that journal.

In the event of the Premier requesting His Honor to grant him an appeal to the people and His Honor declining to accede to that request, upon whom would His Honor's choice fall as the leader of the new government? Could he as a conscientious man call upon any member of the Turner ministry, whom he himself dismissed from office little more than a year ago, to take the leadership? No man who knows Lieutenant-Governor McInnes would for a moment believe that he would take any such action. To do so would run out to something like six or seven thousand Boer troops, but it would cover a front of sixteen miles. Therefore the difficulty of any but a very strong force turning the Boer banks at Colesburg can be seen. The detached squadrons would be taking enormous risks in such a country, and with the disastrous examples of the other commanders in thinning out their line to a dangerous tentacle, and committing the fatal error of splitting up their main body into weak detachments, French, in the opinion of the military man referred to, would hardly attempt any complicated movement of that kind.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Jan. 3, 5 p.m. Since yesterday, two ocean low barometric areas have moved inland, one is centered in Cariboo, where it is sending snow, the other is crossing California, accompanied by heavy rains. Snow is falling in Alberta, and the temperature is rising above zero east of this in advance of the Cariboo "low." Rain and sleet fell last night over Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday, Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, partly fair, with showers, cloudy at night.

Lower Mainland—Winds mostly easterly unsettled, with occasional rains.

Report.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.79; temperature, 49; minimum, 38; wind, 3 miles N. rain, 18; weather, cloudy.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, 48; minimum, 36; wind, 3 miles E. rain, 25; weather, rain.

Nanaimo—Wind, S. W.; weather, cloudy.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 48; minimum, 38; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barberville—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 24; minimum, 22; wind, calm; snow, 04; weather, snow.

Nanaimo—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 49; minimum, 38; wind, 6 miles S. E.; rain, 52; weather, cloudy.

Portland, Oregon—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 42; minimum, 39; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 40; minimum, 38; wind, 8 miles S. E.; rain, 52; weather, clear.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, 54; minimum, 52; wind, 10 miles N.; rain, 1.99; weather, rain.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

—The Blue Ribbon Flavoring Extracts.

—You boil potatoes but you brew tea. To do so properly consult the directions on the packets of "HONDL."

—Dandruff, falling hair and baldness cured. Dr. White's Hair Restorer used. Electric Parlor, 111½ Yates street.

—Have you seen the \$1 per dozen Printed Cups and Saucers at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street?

—Lord Mayor's Pudding Bowls, Pudding Moulds, Pudding Bowls and Jelly Moulds, all sizes, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

—An "at home" in aid of the Metropolitan-twentieth century fund will be held this evening at the residence of Mrs. John Teague, Fernwood road.

—All those wishing to take part in the first orchestral rehearsal of "The Messiah" in the council chamber this evening are requested to be on hand with their scores at 8 o'clock sharp.

—The quarterly general meeting of the British Columbia Board of Trade will be held on Friday, 12. Members having any business to bring forward should communicate with the secretary immediately.

—The J.B.A.A. has contributed the sum of \$10.70 toward the Mansion House fund, being the amount collected at the J.B.A.A. during the singing of the "Absent Minded Beggar" by Mr. H. Kent at the club's New Year gathering.

—Ladies interested in procuring double and treble trading stamps should read Geo. R. Jackson's ad. on this page today. Geo. R. Jackson, 57 Government street.

—The musical world will be pleased to learn that Little Paloma Schramm, the child pianist, who was suffering from nervous collapse, has been completely restored to health, and has returned to her home in Los Angeles. Both she and her sister will soon make their reappearance in musical circles.

—In the police court this morning the charge against the Japanese, Ispow, of malicious damage to property, was withdrawn. George Thompson was fined \$5 or ten days' imprisonment for drunkenness. Isaac Roberts for some of fence was fined \$15 or one month's imprisonment with hard labor, a fortnight being allowed him in which to pay the fine.

—John Muirhead, well-known in this city through his participation in aquatic circles, died on Sunday evening in San Francisco. Muirhead was formerly hacker of the California oarsman Peterson, accompanying him to Victoria on the occasion of the race between the Californian and McLean. Mr. Muirhead leaves a widow, formerly Miss Beauchamp, of this city.

—Double Trading Stamps for every dollar's purchase on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at The Sterling, 88 Yates street.

—Court Cariboo, 55, I. O. F., yesterday evening on the occasion of their installation of officers for ensuing year held an open meeting, when a large number of Foresters and friends were present. After the installation of officers by Bro. M. J. Crohan, of Vancouver, a very enjoyable evening, was spent. Bro. R. B. King, acting as chairman, carried out a very pleasant programme, the committee in charge not forgetting to provide refreshments as a fitting close to an evening's entertainment.

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—Postmaster Noah Shakespeare has received a circular from the postmaster-general of the United Kingdom and also from the postmaster of the New York post office handsome souvenir cards conveying their New Year's greetings to himself and staff.

—Two more candidates for aldermanic honors have entered the field, Mr. Richard Drake, the plasterer, having announced himself as candidate in South Ward, while Mr. R. D. Finisland has expressed his intention of running in North Ward.

—Double Trading Stamps for balance of this week. See our windows for bargains. The Sterling, 88 Yates street.

—Mr. Harry Harris, formerly proprietor of the Colonist Hotel, Beacon Hill, has assumed charge of the Clarence Hotel on the corner of Yates and Douglas streets and will hold his initial opening this evening. The Clarence has been thoroughly renovated and will have 60 large rooms.

—The funeral of the late Mrs. Cox took place this afternoon from Haima's undertaking rooms, the services being conducted by Rev. P. Jenkins. A large number were in attendance, the Daughters of St. George, of which Mrs. Cox was a member, being present on behalf of The pallbearers were Messrs. S. Greenhalgh, Henry Rivers, W. Greasley, Geo. Peuketh, George Furnell and W. Lang.

—Mr. C. Atkinson has just brought out an improved frame and cover attachment for a tray, the object of which is to make it possible for dishes to be carried in the open air or elsewhere without any dust, rain, or other deleterious substances falling on the food. The invention is one of those which has simplicity and effectiveness as its principal recommendations, and will be appreciated by hotel and restaurant keepers.

—Mrs. J. H. McPherson, of Topley, who has been for many years one of the most active members of the Colfax Rebekah Lodge, was pleasantly surprised last night by the members of that organization. The members of about forty invaded her home without any warning, and presented her with a handsome heavy set as a memento of her connection with the lodge. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in music and dancing, the gathering not breaking up until an early hour this morning.

—At the regular annual meeting of the Ministerial Association yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. J. G. Hastings; secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. P. D. Knox. Arrangements were made for a series of meetings to be held during the week of prayer, January 7 to 14, to take place as follows: Monday evening—Centennial Methodist church; Tuesday evening, Calvary Baptist church; Wednesday evening, First Presbyterian; Thursday, Victoria West Congregational and St. Columba; Friday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Services will also be held on Sunday afternoons at the hospital.

—Steamer Danube will sail for the outer wharf last night and begin discharging her general cargo of about a thousand tons of merchandise for Victoria houses from London and Liverpool, at noon to-day. She is due here on Monday evening.

—A petition is being circulated for signature among the residents of Cowichan, Malahat, Shawnigan and Victoria, for presentation to the honorable commissioners of lands and works, asking that a more direct wagon road be built between Cowichan and adjoining districts and Victoria. The petition sets forth that the present road is almost useless on account of its long and steep grades and excessive length, being between forty and fifty miles. The petitioners suggest a shorter and better route from Goldstream to Shawnigan. This road would commence near the Goldstream hotel, and proceed thence down the east side of Goldstream to the south end of Saanich Inlet, then crossing the mouth of Goldstream and following the west side of Saanich Inlet to connection with the existing road in Shawnigan district. The length of the new road would be about fourteen miles, and the total distance between Cowichan and Victoria, 24 miles, as compared with 40 or 50 as at present.

—Ever since the attempt was made to wreck the Chinese mission church, some of the Chinese residents have been busy contriving explanations of the occurrence. Shortly after the affair of the Chinese mission had advanced to a time near the young Chinaman to attend the services under promise of marriage, and that finding she was deceiving them they took this opportunity of wiping out their grudge against her. This was promptly denied by the parties most interested and the Chinese themselves, the names of the principals altered, and the yarn otherwise revamped but still recognizable as the same old reliable fiction. In fact the rehabilitation of the romance is strikingly similar to the way in which the canard regarding an attempt to blow up H.M.S. Crescent at Halifax a few months ago was locally adapted to the case of the Leander. The girl who was so prodigal in her promises of matrimony is now said to have been an inmate of the Rescue Home, but the details of the matrimony will compel the apologists for the dynamiters to concede another explanation not so easily discredit- ed.

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(Colonials arouse enthusiasm)

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Montana, who secured a contract with the British government to furnish the equipment for a portion of the 10,000 new cavalry troops called out after Gen. Buller's reverse at the Tugela river, has submitted his resignation to the United States.

SPECIAL SERVICE SQUADRON

Will sail from Gibraltar to South Africa.

London, Jan. 3.—It is reported that the particular service squadron now at Gibraltar will be ordered to South Africa as soon as the Chained Squadron returns to Gibraltar.

It is added that this is a squadron of cruisers just suited to watch Delegations Bay.

RUBONIC PLAGUE.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Jan. 3.—A special to the Chronicle from Honolulu, December 26th, via San Francisco, January 3rd, says: After an interval of thirteen days, in which no cases were discovered, bubonic plague has broken out again.

Precautions in the Philippines.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The war department is taking steps to prevent the introduction of the plague in the Philippines, and Secretary Root this morning consulted Surgeon Wyman, of the marine hospital service, regarding the establishment of a quarantine system for the islands.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 3.—The bubonic plague has broken out in the city and in the neighborhood of San Pablo.

ACCIDENT TO ROYAL YACHT.

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 3.—An attempt made to undock the new Royal yacht at Penzance this morning proved disastrous. Immediately after she floated the gunner listed thirty degrees to port, and her starboard bilge keel became jammed.

The strake was so great that shores sixteen inches square, used in an attempt to prop her, were doubled up and snapped like matchwood. The position of the yacht as this dispatch is sent is critical.

KILLED AT GREENWOOD.

(Associated Press.)

Greenwood, Jan. 2.—On Monday evening an Italian was killed on the C. P. R. track by a car being backed down to the "B." Three Italians were standing on the track talking excitedly and disregarded the warning until the car was on them. Two managed to escape, but the middle man was struck in the back and run over. His back was broken and he was otherwise badly injured. He had two hundred and fifty dollars in his pocket.

INSANE SOLDIERS.

(Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Fourteen soldiers, declared to be insane, were to-day sent to Washington from the Presidio military reservation. Nearly all of these men lost their minds as the result of campaigning in the Philippines.

MONTREAL MINING MARKET.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Stock exchange, morning board: War Eagle, 252; 250; Payne, 102; Montreal and London, 13; 34; Republic, 14, 110, 106; Sales: Payne, 125; 2,500 at 105, 1,000 at 104; Montreal and London, 3,500 at 35.

DATE OF BY-ELECTIONS.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—By-elections take place on Jan. 29th in the several constituencies now vacant for the Dominion House.

NEWFOUNDLAND SHORE QUESTION.

(Associated Press.)

Paris, Jan. 3.—The opinion has been expressed in official circles that the measure would between Great Britain and France regarding Newfoundland will be extended for another year.

THE MONEY IS OVERDUE.

(Associated Press.)

Santo Domingo, Jan. 3.—The French court has rejected the Bahamontes-Carrascal claim of 250,000 francs payment of which is overdue. He threatens to sue the government revenues.

INVESTIGATION ORDERED.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Jan. 3.—A police investigation has been ordered in connection with the prosecution of D. C. Harrington, president of the Trades and Labor Council.

SELF-PRESERVATION.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The French come well. Those who have impure or pernicious blood in their veins, particularly, because they know it will wash and purify their blood and give them good health. To take this medicine on the first appearance of impure blood is an important step toward self-preservation.

HOOD'S PILLS cure sick headache, indigestion.

VIALE MARIE BANK CASE.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, Jan. 3.—James Baxter, a well known banker, whose arrest was effected yesterday afternoon on a charge of having aided Herbert, teller of the Ville Marie Bank, to escape from justice, was before police magistrate Choquette this morning. He pleaded not guilty, and the trial was fixed for to-morrow.

Finally into the case of Lepleux, cashier of the same bank, who has already been sentenced to three years imprisonment for having issued a false statement to the government, on a charge of stealing \$15,000, commenced this morning.

Everybody is talking flannel shirts, but our prices and treble trading stamps are selling them. Geo. R. Jackson, 57 Government street.

The entire Hebrew Bible was printed in 1488.

The Siege of Ladysmith

Position of the Boer Guns—The Persistence of Long Tom.

London Leader Correspondent Tells of Events During the First Week.

Ladysmith, Nov. 7, 1899.—We have stood our first week of siege and bombardment admirably, for there has now been a week of it, although the official date of the investment may be put on a few days to make it coincide with the day when rail and telegraphic communication was interrupted.

When our troops retired upon the town after that unsuccessful engagement of October 30th I felt that nothing short of an absolutely impossible withdrawal could spare us the humiliation of a siege. The enemy held a commanding position from which we had failed to oust him, on a hill to the eastward, known as Reservoir or Pepperpot's hill, where he fixed up his "Long Tom" of imperishable memory—for those of us who listened to the screeching shells and have been witnesses of the futile efforts made by our naval guns to silence its demoralizing fire.

I believe a 100 note is still awaiting the gunner who aims the shot which pits the thing definitely out of action. The powerful crew have more than once quieted it temporarily; but just when we are in our quarters ready to sit down to a comfortable meal the big Boer gun playfully sends another shell-shaking over the town to show that he intends to come up smiling next round.

Uses of the White Flag.

Once "Long Tom" hoisted the white flag and all thought we had him at last. Capt. Lambton immediately claimed the gun, but that reply came that it was only momentarily disabled and that time only was required for repairs.

Our fellows complain bitterly at their having hoisted it several times when in difficulties, and responded fire as soon as they got themselves straight again.

Ladysmith is awkwardly situated to withstand a siege. It is built in the hollow of a rugged hill which runs in a series of ridges parallel with the principal street at a distance of about 200 yards on its northern side. A stony hill branches out at a right angle and encloses the town to the eastward.

A wide plain, four miles at least in extent, stretches away to the north in front of the town, and from it on the further side rises the gigantic Bulwana Hill—a wooded table mountain which, after we had taken the trouble of fortifying it, was allowed to pass into Boer hands without a fight. Surely one military chief could not have believed it beyond range of the town. The atmosphere is terribly deceptive; but such a garrison's miscalculation of distance cannot possibly have been made.

Another range of hills lies to the westward, and runs directly parallel with those on the east. Both these lines are in our possession; but the enemy's guns on the Bulwana sweep the slopes of both.

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